

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and claim amendments in the Amendment and Reply filed March 19, 2009 and in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

On page 2 of the Advisory Action dated April 3, 2009, the Office indicates that claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon are rendered indefinite by the deletion of the noted phrase from claim 1. Without acquiescence to the correctness of the Examiner's position, such phrase has been added back to claim 1.

Thus, this concern in the Advisory Action is moot.

Applicants note that the March 19, 2009 reply was fully responsive to the final Office Action dated December 24, 2008. Thus, for the reasons noted in this reply, this case is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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